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HAWAII AND SAMOA VOLCANOES

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almost continuous sheet some eight miles wide, flowing over the cliffs at from two to four miles an hour in speed, it will not be a very difficult matter to figure out, approximately, the enormous output. Something probably far greater than civilization has ever before been enabled to record.

Whether or not this molten basalt contains any valuable ingredient is so far unknown in Aia. Mr. Jack London, the American writer, left this port for Savali about two days before this outbreak was reported, and doubtless he was just in the nick of time to see it in its full fury, as the fiery avalanche slowly descended on the town of Matato and the adjacent villages.

The D. H. and Ptg. Ges. and H. J. Moors were trading in the vicinity, and are now demolishing their stations, removing the goods, and even the material of which their buildings were constructed. Most of the native people have cleared out or are on the move.

As the fiery stream drops its molten stone into the ocean, immense clouds of steam arise to astonishing heights, and vast columns of sea water are raised by the falling of the lava into the sea, and this salt water, in the shape of a fine rain, is blown by the strong trades westward along the coast, destroying vegetation as it proceeds, and badly injuring much property far away to westward of the activities themselves. Even the roofs of houses covered with galvanized iron are being corroded.

THREE YEARS' ACTIVITY.

This volcano commenced business nearly three years ago, and has not been quiescent for a single moment since. In fact, it seems to grow and grow, and long ago it certainly exceeded in magnitude any volcano now active anywhere on the face of the earth, Vesuvius being a mere spoonful as compared with this monster.

A previous eruption had taken place in 1901 out of an old crater some fifteen miles distant, doing no harm and emitting but a small field of lava, and dying out gradually after operating some six or seven months in a very lazy manner. This present outburst was preceded by numerous lively earthquake disturbances, extending chiefly along the north side of Savali, though some of the severest were felt in Aia. Fires were seen reflected in the skies after one of the heaviest shocks, and an investigation showed that in a deep ravine 1500 feet above the sea level, and eight miles inland, several openings were emitting steam and smoke, and that incandescent rocks were being expelled from three separate small craters. These were building up a cone which soon filled the ravine, overtopped it, and assumed the well-known form of a true volcano crater, after the various openings had fallen into one another.

During the first six or eight months rocks weighing up to several tons were thrown skyward, falling in all directions, and sometimes on the top of the immense lava stream which was flowing

ing out of the side of the conical mountain now in existence. A number of streams started seaward, and one in the direction of Safune became chilled and ultimately stopped when it was about half-way towards that charming village. Several streams coalesced to eastward and pointing in one vast output they proceeded to fill up valleys and ravines and overtop the hills—in some places their filling must be upwards of 600 feet in depth. Of course all depressions of the surface were followed, just as a stream of water would have done. The sea was reached, and five thriving native townships were obliterated altogether.

REMARKABLE FACTS.

The town of Malo boasted a lofty Catholic church—its gable reached quite 50 feet above the ground—and at this moment a fragment, the mere peak of the gable, may be observed above the cooled lava, which surrounded and filled the church. In the course of time the lava field extended east and west, until now over ten miles of the surface have been covered, and the sea line extended about three quarters of a mile into water, which was from 200 to 300 feet in depth, and today the output is far and away greater than at any previous time. Fifty-four square miles have been covered for a depth of from 6 feet to 600 feet. Occasionally the lava stream would not run more than perhaps 100 yards wide, and then perhaps would be found two or three such streams; but today the stream seems almost continuous, and it said to be some eight miles across. Your correspondent passed this flow about ten days ago in one of the Union Co. steamers, and he judged that it was then fully four miles wide. He could barely note a single break in the falling cascade; but from his position he could not estimate the speed of the current. During former investigations he had found that this was usually between two and three miles per hour when the lava was white hot and well on the incline.

The present kind of flow is not in any degree comparable with the old, original output of thick lava, which was of the consistency of bakers' dough, and often did not advance more than a few feet per day. The lava now exuding resembles molten iron in every respect, and even at the sea—some eighty miles away from the crater, it is quite as thin as good hot furnace iron, and could doubtless be run into moulds just as iron is run. When this thin, white-hot molten matter falls into the sea, it instantly turns into black sand. Often where the flowing stream is several feet deep it is covered with floating rocks of greater or less dimensions. These, being almost in an incandescent state, explode with violence when they tumble over the cliffs into the sea, and their fragments are frequently thrown back again in to the lava field.

EFFECT ON THE SEA.

The slow-moving, thick lava, covered with rocks thrown out of the volcano, often advanced at heights of from 15 feet to 30 feet, and the movement was barely perceptible, but the present material runs about in little rills almost like water would do. Occasionally the hot lava stream advances against the black, well-cooled basaltic cliffs, and these melt and drop to pieces almost as soon as the intense heat strikes them. Great bulwarks of seem-

ingly solid rock disintegrate and drop into the fiery stream, and are hurried into the sea, which swallows all.

For more than half a mile from the shore the deep salt water is in a steaming state, and at a mile the water is too hot for the hand to stay longer than to note its temperature. At a distance of two miles from shore, and where the great ocean is 100 fathoms deep, the heat is very noticeable.

This volcano is not noisy at present, as the great extent of the crater permits the unobstructed outflow of the gases, and rocks are no longer thrown out as in its earlier stages. There seems to be no sign of this monster getting any smaller; in fact, it seems to be constantly enlarging, and there is no telling to what enormous extent it may proceed. Probably no other volcano within living memory has discharged so much lava.

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Notice of Special Meeting of Stockholders OF KIPAHULU SUGAR COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given, that by order of the Vice-President a special meeting of the stockholders of the Kipahulu Sugar Company will be held on Thursday, September 10th, 1908, at 9 a. m. at the office of the Company in the Hackfeld Building, Honolulu T. H., to consider a proposition received from H. Hackfeld & Company, Limited, to purchase all the outstanding shares of the Capital Stock.

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For Pearl City, Ewa Mill and Way Stations—*7:30 a. m., *9:15 a. m., *11:05 a. m., *2:15 p. m., *3:20 p. m., *5:15 p. m., *9:30 p. m., 11 p. m.
For Wahiawa—*9:15 a. m. and *5:15 p. m.

INWARD

Arrive Honolulu from Ewa Mill and Pearl City—*7:45 a. m., *3:35 a. m., *10:38 a. m., *1:40 p. m., *4:31 p. m., *5:31 p. m., *7:30 p. m.
Arrive Honolulu from Wahiawa—*8:35 a. m., *4:53 p. m.
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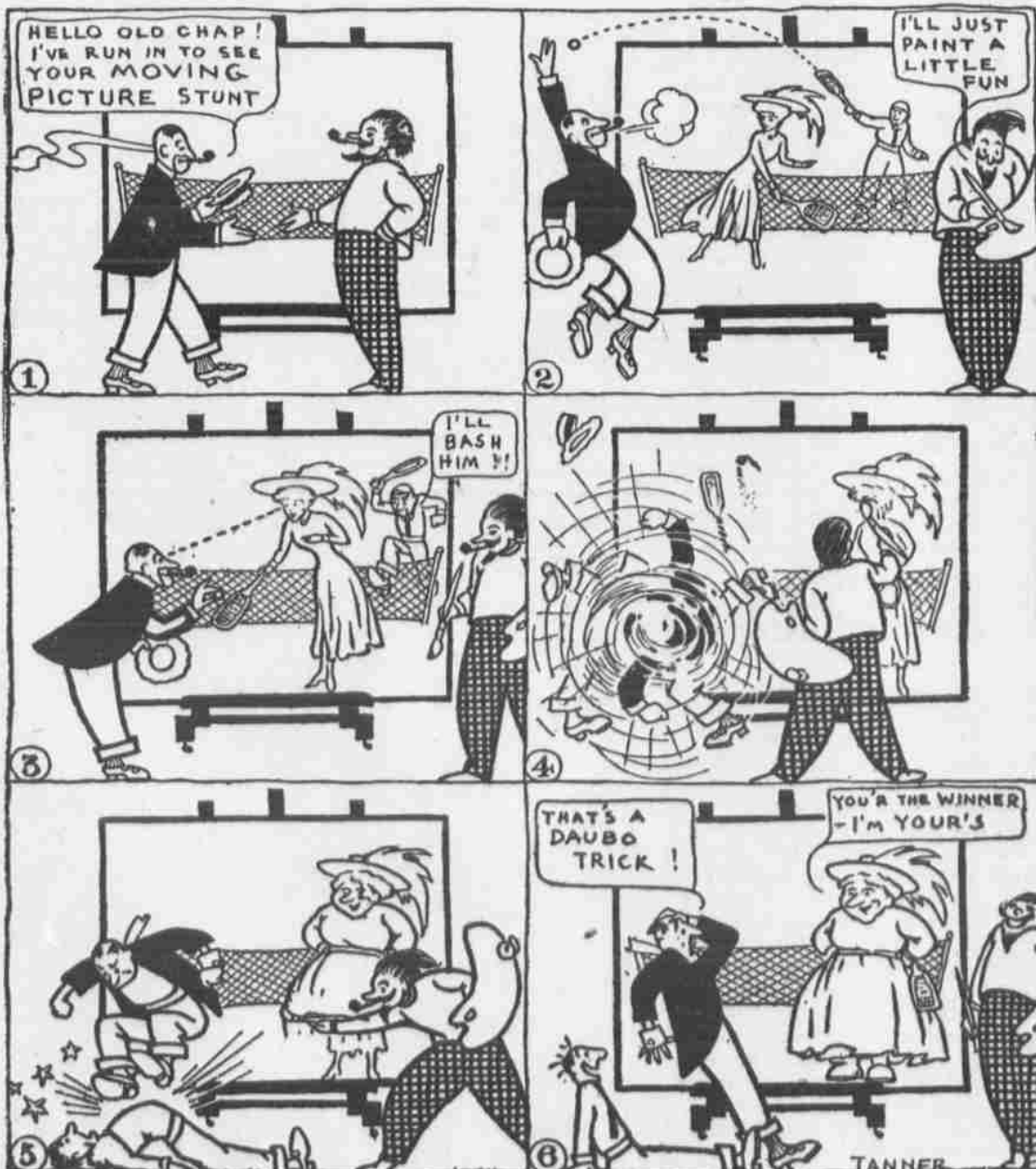
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